

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE:)	
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Jeffrey Scott Merlo,)	Case No. 24-21855-CMB
)	Chapter 13
Debtor)	Document No.
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Jeffrey Scott Merlo,)	
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Movant)	
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vs)	
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No Respondents)	

AMENDMENT COVER SHEET

Amendments to the following petition, list(s), schedule(s), or statement(s) are transmitted herewith:

- ☐ Voluntary Petition
- ☐ Official Form 6 Schedules
- ☐ Summary of Schedules
- ☐ Schedule A - Real Property
- ☐ Schedule B - Personal Property - Amended to add in inheritance from Debtor's Father who passed
- ☐ Schedule C - Property Claimed as Exempt - Amended to exempt the inheritance from Debtor's father who passed
- ☐ Schedule D - Creditors holding Secured Claims Check one:
 - ☐ Creditor(s) added
 - ☐ NO creditor(s) added
 - ☐ Creditor(s) deleted
- ☐ Schedule E - Creditors Holding Unsecured Priority Claims
 - Check one:
 - ☐ Creditor(s) added
 - ☐ NO creditor(s) added
 - ☐ Creditor(s) deleted
- ☐ Schedule F - Creditors Holding Unsecured Nonpriority Claims
 - Check one:
 - ☐ Creditor(s) added
 - ☐ NO creditor(s) added
 - ☐ Creditor(s) deleted
- ☐ Schedule G - Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases
 - Check one:
 - ☐ Creditor(s) added
 - ☐ NO creditor(s) added
 - ☐ Creditor(s) deleted
- ☐ Schedule H - Codebtors
- ☐ Schedule I - Current Income of Individual Debtor(s) -
- ☐ Schedule J - Current Expenditures of Individual Debtor(s) -

X Statement of Financial Affairs.-*Number Seven`s response was deleted and added into number thirteen given that Debtor`s payments to his parents were gifts and not a result of a loan or repayment of a loan.*

 Chapter 7 Individual Debtor's Statement of Intention

 Chapter 11 List of Equity Security Holders

 Chapter 11 List of Creditors Holding 20 Largest Unsecured Claims

 Disclosure of Compensation of Attorney for Debtor

 Other _____

Respectfully Submitted,

September 3, 2024

DATE

/s/ Lauren M. Lamb

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Note: An amended matrix of creditors added by the amendment must be submitted on disk with the amendment. Attorneys filing electronically on the Case Management/Electronic Case Filing System may add creditors to the case electronically.

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1 **Jeffrey Scott Merlo**
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Debtor 2
(Spouse if, filing) First Name Middle Name Last Name

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(if known)

☒ Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 107

Statement of Financial Affairs for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

Part 1: Give Details About Your Marital Status and Where You Lived Before

1. What is your current marital status?

- ☐ Married
☒ Not married

2. During the last 3 years, have you lived anywhere other than where you live now?

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. List all of the places you lived in the last 3 years. Do not include where you live now.

Debtor 1:	Dates Debtor 1 lived there	Debtor 2 Prior Address:	Dates Debtor 2 lived there
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3. Within the last 8 years, did you ever live with a spouse or legal equivalent in a community property state or territory? (*Community property states and territories include Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Puerto Rico, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin.*)

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. Make sure you fill out *Schedule H: Your Codebtors* (Official Form 106H).

Part 2 Explain the Sources of Your Income

4. Did you have any income from employment or from operating a business during this year or the two previous calendar years?

Fill in the total amount of income you received from all jobs and all businesses, including part-time activities. If you are filing a joint case and you have income that you receive together, list it only once under Debtor 1.

- ☐ No
☒ Yes. Fill in the details.

From January 1 of current year until the date you filed for bankruptcy:

Debtor 1		Debtor 2	
Sources of income Check all that apply.	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)	Sources of income Check all that apply.	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips	\$28,111.69	<input type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips	
<input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business		<input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business	

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	Debtor 1		Debtor 2
	Sources of income Check all that apply.	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)	Sources of income Check all that apply.
For last calendar year: (January 1 to December 31, 2023)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business	\$48,564.33	<input type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business
For the calendar year before that: (January 1 to December 31, 2022)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business	\$46,753.72	<input type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business

5. Did you receive any other income during this year or the two previous calendar years?

Include income regardless of whether that income is taxable. Examples of *other income* are alimony; child support; Social Security, unemployment, and other public benefit payments; pensions; rental income; interest; dividends; money collected from lawsuits; royalties; and gambling and lottery winnings. If you are filing a joint case and you have income that you received together, list it only once under Debtor 1.

List each source and the gross income from each source separately. Do not include income that you listed in line 4.

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Debtor 1	Debtor 2
Sources of income Describe below.	Sources of income Describe below.
Gross income from each source (before deductions and exclusions)	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)

Part 3: List Certain Payments You Made Before You Filed for Bankruptcy**6. Are either Debtor 1's or Debtor 2's debts primarily consumer debts?**

- ☐ No. **Neither Debtor 1 nor Debtor 2 has primarily consumer debts.** *Consumer debts* are defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose."

During the 90 days before you filed for bankruptcy, did you pay any creditor a total of \$7,575* or more?

- ☐ No. Go to line 7.
☐ Yes List below each creditor to whom you paid a total of \$7,575* or more in one or more payments and the total amount you paid that creditor. Do not include payments for domestic support obligations, such as child support and alimony. Also, do not include payments to an attorney for this bankruptcy case.

* Subject to adjustment on 4/01/25 and every 3 years after that for cases filed on or after the date of adjustment.

- ☒ Yes. **Debtor 1 or Debtor 2 or both have primarily consumer debts.**

During the 90 days before you filed for bankruptcy, did you pay any creditor a total of \$600 or more?

- ☐ No. Go to line 7.
☒ Yes List below each creditor to whom you paid a total of \$600 or more and the total amount you paid that creditor. Do not include payments for domestic support obligations, such as child support and alimony. Also, do not include payments to an attorney for this bankruptcy case.

Creditor's Name and Address	Dates of payment	Total amount paid	Amount you still owe	Was this payment for ...
Mrc/united Wholesale M 350 Highland Houston, TX 77067	April, May & June	\$1,560.00	\$37,524.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mortgage <input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/> Loan Repayment <input type="checkbox"/> Suppliers or vendors <input type="checkbox"/> Other___

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Creditor's Name and Address	Dates of payment	Total amount paid	Amount you still owe	Was this payment for ...
First National Bank of Pennsylvania 4140 E State St Hermitage, PA 16148	April, May & June	\$1,413.00	\$19,443.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Mortgage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/> Loan Repayment <input type="checkbox"/> Suppliers or vendors <input type="checkbox"/> Other___

7. **Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, did you make a payment on a debt you owed anyone who was an insider?**
Insiders include your relatives; any general partners; relatives of any general partners; partnerships of which you are a general partner; corporations of which you are an officer, director, person in control, or owner of 20% or more of their voting securities; and any managing agent, including one for a business you operate as a sole proprietor. 11 U.S.C. § 101. Include payments for domestic support obligations, such as child support and alimony.

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. List all payments to an insider.

Insider's Name and Address	Dates of payment	Total amount paid	Amount you still owe	Reason for this payment
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8. **Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, did you make any payments or transfer any property on account of a debt that benefited an insider?**
 Include payments on debts guaranteed or cosigned by an insider.

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. List all payments to an insider

Insider's Name and Address	Dates of payment	Total amount paid	Amount you still owe	Reason for this payment Include creditor's name
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Part 4: Identify Legal Actions, Repossessions, and Foreclosures

9. **Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, were you a party in any lawsuit, court action, or administrative proceeding?**
 List all such matters, including personal injury cases, small claims actions, divorces, collection suits, paternity actions, support or custody modifications, and contract disputes.

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Case title Case number	Nature of the case	Court or agency	Status of the case
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10. **Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, was any of your property repossessed, foreclosed, garnished, attached, seized, or levied?**
 Check all that apply and fill in the details below.

- ☒ No. Go to line 11.
☐ Yes. Fill in the information below.

Creditor Name and Address	Describe the Property Explain what happened	Date	Value of the property
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11. **Within 90 days before you filed for bankruptcy, did any creditor, including a bank or financial institution, set off any amounts from your accounts or refuse to make a payment because you owed a debt?**

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Creditor Name and Address	Describe the action the creditor took	Date action was taken	Amount
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12. **Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, was any of your property in the possession of an assignee for the benefit of creditors, a court-appointed receiver, a custodian, or another official?**

- ☒ No
☐ Yes

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13. Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you give any gifts with a total value of more than \$600 per person?

☐ No☒ Yes. Fill in the details for each gift.

Gifts with a total value of more than \$600 per person	Describe the gifts	Dates you gave the gifts	Value
Person to Whom You Gave the Gift and Address: Debtors Parents Person's relationship to you: Parents	Debtor has given his elderly parents approximately \$200/month (\$2,400.00/year) due to them being on a fixed income so that they are able to pay expenses.	over the past 2 years	\$4,800.00

14. Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you give any gifts or contributions with a total value of more than \$600 to any charity?

☒ No☐ Yes. Fill in the details for each gift or contribution.

Gifts or contributions to charities that total more than \$600	Describe what you contributed	Dates you contributed	Value
Charity's Name Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)			

Part 6: List Certain Losses

15. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy or since you filed for bankruptcy, did you lose anything because of theft, fire, other disaster, or gambling?

☒ No☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Describe the property you lost and how the loss occurred	Describe any insurance coverage for the loss	Date of your loss	Value of property lost
	Include the amount that insurance has paid. List pending insurance claims on line 33 of <i>Schedule A/B: Property</i> .		

Part 7: List Certain Payments or Transfers

16. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, did you or anyone else acting on your behalf pay or transfer any property to anyone you consulted about seeking bankruptcy or preparing a bankruptcy petition?

Include any attorneys, bankruptcy petition preparers, or credit counseling agencies for services required in your bankruptcy.

☐ No☒ Yes. Fill in the details.

Person Who Was Paid Address Email or website address Person Who Made the Payment, if Not You	Description and value of any property transferred	Date payment or transfer was made	Amount of payment
Steidl and Steinberg P.C. 707 Grant Street Suite 2830 - Gulf Tower Pittsburgh, PA 15219 www.goodbyedebt.com	\$1,300.00 for legal fees and \$338.00 for Court filing fee	June 21, 2024	\$1,638.00
Summit Financial Education, Inc. 4800 E Flower Street Tucson, AZ 85712	Pre-Bankruptcy Credit Counseling Course	June 19, 2024	\$14.95

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17. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, did you or anyone else acting on your behalf pay or transfer any property to anyone who promised to help you deal with your creditors or to make payments to your creditors?
Do not include any payment or transfer that you listed on line 16.

- ☐ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Person Who Was Paid Address	Description and value of any property transferred	Date payment or transfer was made	Amount of payment
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18. Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you sell, trade, or otherwise transfer any property to anyone, other than property transferred in the ordinary course of your business or financial affairs?
Include both outright transfers and transfers made as security (such as the granting of a security interest or mortgage on your property). Do not include gifts and transfers that you have already listed on this statement.

- ☐ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Person Who Received Transfer Address	Description and value of property transferred	Describe any property or payments received or debts paid in exchange	Date transfer was made
Person's relationship to you			

19. Within 10 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you transfer any property to a self-settled trust or similar device of which you are a beneficiary? (These are often called *asset-protection devices*.)

- ☐ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of trust	Description and value of the property transferred	Date Transfer was made
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Part 8: List of Certain Financial Accounts, Instruments, Safe Deposit Boxes, and Storage Units

20. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, were any financial accounts or instruments held in your name, or for your benefit, closed, sold, moved, or transferred?
Include checking, savings, money market, or other financial accounts; certificates of deposit; shares in banks, credit unions, brokerage houses, pension funds, cooperatives, associations, and other financial institutions.

- ☐ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of Financial Institution and Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Last 4 digits of account number	Type of account or instrument	Date account was closed, sold, moved, or transferred	Last balance before closing or transfer
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21. Do you now have, or did you have within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, any safe deposit box or other depository for securities, cash, or other valuables?

- ☐ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of Financial Institution Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Who else had access to it? Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Describe the contents	Do you still have it?
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22. Have you stored property in a storage unit or place other than your home within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy?

- ☐ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of Storage Facility Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Who else has or had access to it? Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Describe the contents	Do you still have it?
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23. Do you hold or control any property that someone else owns? Include any property you borrowed from, are storing for, or hold in trust for someone.

- ☐ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Owner's Name Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Where is the property? (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Describe the property	Value

Part 10: Give Details About Environmental Information

For the purpose of Part 10, the following definitions apply:

- ☐ **Environmental law** means any federal, state, or local statute or regulation concerning pollution, contamination, releases of hazardous or toxic substances, wastes, or material into the air, land, soil, surface water, groundwater, or other medium, including statutes or regulations controlling the cleanup of these substances, wastes, or material.
- ☐ **Site** means any location, facility, or property as defined under any environmental law, whether you now own, operate, or utilize it or used to own, operate, or utilize it, including disposal sites.
- ☐ **Hazardous material** means anything an environmental law defines as a hazardous waste, hazardous substance, toxic substance, hazardous material, pollutant, contaminant, or similar term.

Report all notices, releases, and proceedings that you know about, regardless of when they occurred.

24. Has any governmental unit notified you that you may be liable or potentially liable under or in violation of an environmental law?

- ☐ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of site Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Governmental unit Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Environmental law, if you know it	Date of notice

25. Have you notified any governmental unit of any release of hazardous material?

- ☐ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of site Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Governmental unit Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Environmental law, if you know it	Date of notice

26. Have you been a party in any judicial or administrative proceeding under any environmental law? Include settlements and orders.

- ☐ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Case Title Case Number	Court or agency Name Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Nature of the case	Status of the case

Part 11: Give Details About Your Business or Connections to Any Business

27. Within 4 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you own a business or have any of the following connections to any business?

- ☐ A sole proprietor or self-employed in a trade, profession, or other activity, either full-time or part-time
- ☐ A member of a limited liability company (LLC) or limited liability partnership (LLP)
- ☐ A partner in a partnership
- ☐ An officer, director, or managing executive of a corporation
- ☐ An owner of at least 5% of the voting or equity securities of a corporation

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☒ No. None of the above applies. Go to Part 12.

☐ Yes. Check all that apply above and fill in the details below for each business.

Business Name

Address

(Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)

Describe the nature of the business

Name of accountant or bookkeeper

Employer Identification number

Do not include Social Security number or ITIN.

Dates business existed

28. Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you give a financial statement to anyone about your business? Include all financial institutions, creditors, or other parties.

☒ No

☐ Yes. Fill in the details below.

Name

Address

(Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)

Date Issued

Part 12: Sign Below

I have read the answers on this *Statement of Financial Affairs* and any attachments, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the answers are true and correct. I understand that making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

/s/ Jeffrey Scott Merlo

Jeffrey Scott Merlo

Signature of Debtor 1

Signature of Debtor 2

Date **September 3, 2024**

Date

Did you attach additional pages to *Your Statement of Financial Affairs for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy* (Official Form 107)?

☒ No

☐ Yes

Did you pay or agree to pay someone who is not an attorney to help you fill out bankruptcy forms?

☒ No

☐ Yes. Name of Person _____. Attach the *Bankruptcy Petition Preparer's Notice, Declaration, and Signature* (Official Form 119).